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SUBJECT: OECD SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL; CASE OF
BERNARD STEIN, NSF EMPLOYEE

1. OECD SCIENCE DIRECTOR OSHIMA CALLED ON MISSION TO
ASK ABOUT LETTER FROM GRANGER, NSF, CONCERNING RETEN-
TION OF BERNARD STEIN, ON LEAVE FROM NSF. TEXT OF
GRANGER LETTER FOLLOWS:
2. BEGIN TEXT: "DEAR PROFESSOR OSHIMA:

AS YOU KNOW, I WAS GREATLY DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN
THAT BUDGETARY EXIGENCIES HAD LED TO THE ABOLITION OF
THE POST IN YOUR DIRECTORATE FILLED BY MR. BERNARD STEIN.

AS YOU WILL RECALL, CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN DR. KING
OF OECD AND DR. BISPLINGHOFF OF NSF AT THE TIME MR. STEIN
WAS APPOINTED STRESSED THE VALUE OF DEVELOPING THE CON-
TACTS AND RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE FOUNDATION AND OECD.
IN THE INTERIM, THE LEVEL AND BREADTH OF NSF INTERESTS IN
THE WORK OF YOUR DIRECTORATE HAVE INCREASED, AND WE LOOK
FORWARD TO OUR FUTURE COLLABORATION.

I UNDERSTAND THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO CON-
TINUE MR. STEIN'S PARTICIPATION THROUGH A CONSULTANCY
RELATIONSHIP. IF THIS PROVES POSSIBLE, I AM CONVINCED
THAT IT WILL SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE FOUNDATION AND
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STRENGTHEN OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. SINCERELY, JOHN V.

GRANGER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR" END TEXT

3. WE INFORMED OSHIMA THAT WE HAD NOT RECEIVED COPY OF THIS LETTER, WHICH, TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED BY DEPARTMENT, AS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTION WOULD HAVE BEEN FORTHCOMING TO MISSION WITH RESPECT THIS MATTER.

4. FACTS OF THIS CASE FOLLOW: STEIN CAME TO OECD SCIENCE SECRETARIAT ON A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT TO WORK ON A PROGRAM ENTITLED "INNOVATION IN THE SERVICE SECTOR." A CONSENSUS DEVELOPED IN THE CSTP DURING L975 THAT THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE TERMINATED BY THE END OF THE YEAR, AND A REPORT THEREON PRODUCED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN 1976. DISCUSSIONS IN THE EXECUTIVE AND BUDGET COMMITTEES CONFIRMED THE CSTP JUDGMENT THAT THE INNVO INNOVATION IN THE SERVICE SECTOR PROJECT WAS INDEED OF LOW PRIORITY, AND SHOULD BE TERMINATED AS SCHEDULED WITH THE CONSEQUENT ABOLITION OF STEIN'S POST. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH WASHINGTON'S INSTRUCTIONS, THIS MISSION TOOK A LEAD IN ARGUING FOR A DIVERSION OF RESOURCES FROM LOW TO HIGH PRIORITY AREAS AND THEREFORE CONCURRED IN THE ABOLITION OF THIS AND OTHER POSTS INVOLVED IN LOW-PRIORITY ACTIVITIES.

5. DURING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS, OSHIMA ASKED FOR THE RESTORATION OF CERTAIN POSITIONS TO CARRY

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OUT THE 1976 PROGRAM, BUT DID NOT INCLUDE STEIN'S. BUT IN VIEW OF GRANGER'S LETTER, HE ASKED THE MISSION IF HE SHOULD SHOW STEIN,WHO WOULD LIKE TO STAY ANOTHER YEAR IN PARIS, "SPECIAL CONSIDERATION," PRESUMABLY BY DIVERTING RESOURCES FROM OTHER PROJECTS TO KEEP HIM ON FOR ANOTHER YEAR BEYOND THE EXPIRATION OF HIS CONTRACT IN MAY 1976. OSHIMA WAS VERY EVIDENTLY WORRIED BY GRANGER'S REFERENCE TO RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE NSF.

6. RESPONDING TO OSHIMA, MISSION EXPRESSED CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT STEIN'S POST WAS ABOLISHED AS THE RESULT OF EXECUTIVE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE DECISIONS IN WHICH THE US FULLY CONCURRED, THE OBJECT BEING TO SHIFT FROM LOW TO HIGH MEMBER-COUNTRY GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES AS IDENTIFIED IN THE SCIENCE AND OTHER PLENARY COMMITTEES OF THE ORGANIZATION. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, MISSION COULD CERTAINLY NOT RECOMMEND RETENTION OF A US EMPLOYEE IF THIS MEANT THE NEGATION OF THE PURPOSE OF THESE PROCEDURES AND DECISIONS.

7. ON OTHER HAND, WE MADE CLEAR MISSION IS ALWAYS ON THE ALERT FOR OPPORTUNITIES THAT WOULD ENABLE AMERICANS TO ACCEPT SECRETARIAT POSTS FOR WHICH THEY ARE QUALIFIED. IF OSHIMA HAD SUCH A POSITION, EITHER ON THE PERMANENT STAFF OR AS A CONSULTANT, FOR WHICH HE THOUGHT STEIN HAD NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS, MISSION WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE HIM REMAIN. BUT IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD MISSION ASK OSHIMA TO SHOW "SPECIAL CONSIDERATION" IF THIS MEANT INTERFERING WITH HIS ABILITY AS DIRECTOR TO ACCOMPLISH TASKS FOR WHICH HIS 1976 RESOURCES ARE ALREADY LIMITED.

8. MISSION IS OF COURSE DOING ITS BEST TO HELP STEIN BY SUBMITTING HIS BIO DATA TO OTHER DIRECTORATES, SO FAR WITHOUT RESULT. AFTER SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH US IN WHICH HE REPEATEDLY PROBED OUR POSITION AS STATED PARAS 5 AND 6 FOR NUANCES WHICH DO NOT EXIST, MR. OSHIMA STATED HE WOULD LOOK FOR WAY OF RETAINING STEIN.

9 DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SHOW OR DISCUSS PART OR ALL OF THIS MESSAGE WITH APPROPRIATE NSF OFFICIALS.
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